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Inventor(s): Tortelier et al.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby pay the issue fee for the above-identified patent application.

Application Status

This application is on behalf of:

- ☒ other than a small entity or ☐ a small entity.  
☐ The verified statement ☐ is attached or ☐ was filed on .

Assignment of Application

- ☒ This application is assigned to France Telecom of Paris, France and the assignment has been previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office.  
☐ This application is NOT assigned.  
☐ Assignment being submitted under separate cover. Assignment should be directed to Box ASSIGNMENTS.

Fees

- ☒ Pursuant to 35 CFR 1.18(a), (b) and (c), the issue fee due in this application is \$1,400.00.  
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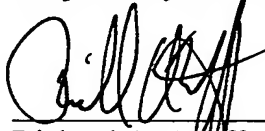
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance, applicants provide the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

**COMMENTS**

The applicants generally agree with the Examiner's determination that the prior art does not teach the invention claimed in the allowed application. However, the applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the prior art or the Examiner's interpretation of the claims of the application. The specification and the prosecution history in their entirety provide the basis for allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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